

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Anthony J. La Bouff, County Counsel

DATE:

January 10, 2012

RE:

APPOINTMENTS TO LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACTION REQUESTED:

Appoint Gerald O. Carden, Chief Deputy County Counsel, or a designated representative of County Counsel's office, and Scott D. Christensen, Placer County Bar Association President to the Law Library Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND:

The Placer County Law Library has been established under state law, and is governed by an independent Board of Law Library Trustees. California Business & Professions Code Section 6301 sets out the constitution of the Board, which is a combination of members or appointments from the Superior Court and the Board of Supervisors. The Superior Courts are allowed up to five (5) appointments to the Board. The Board Chairman, or an appointee, and a second Board of Supervisors appointee fill out the seven (7) person Law Library Board of Trustees.

The Board of Supervisors has historically appointed a representative from the County Counsel's office to the seat allocated to the Chairman under the state statute. Also historically, the second appointment from your Board has been the President of the Placer County Bar Association. For this coming year, Gerald O. Carden, Chief Deputy County Counsel is recommended as the representative from the County Counsel's office and Scott D. Christensen has been elected President of the Placer County Bar Association.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to these appointments.

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